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Applicants have claimed priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-275955, filed July 17, 2003. However, we have noticed that in the Office Action mailed on January 4, 2007, the Examiner has not indicated whether or not she has received the certified copy of the Japanese Patent Application for the above-noted national stage application.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the priority document for this patent application or advise applicant if a certified copy of the priority document must be filed to perfect the claim for priority in this national phase application.

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